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Following material on Burgas, Stalin and Sozopol harbors:

- Photographs of Burgas and Sozopol harbors with legends to the photographs;
- Burgas ship and shore observation with sketch;
- Stalin ship and shore observations; naval maneuvers; naval school; sketches.

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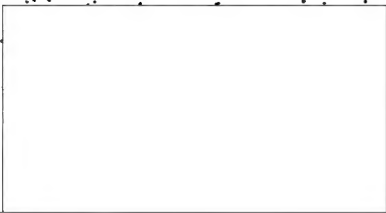
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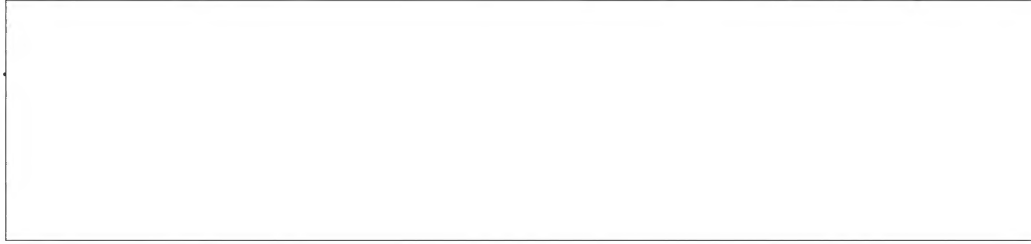
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4 y) Navy sentry post and semaphore station.

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8 s) [] tanker []

anchored outside of the harbor, waiting

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to unload.

7 u) [] freighter, anchored outside of the harbor, waiting to unload.

9 v) Oil pipe on south breakwater.

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10 i) Three targets.-

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II. GENERAL VIEW OF THE SOUTH BREAKWATER AND NORTH-WEST PART OF THE HARBOR.

- a) Red lantern at the entrance to the harbor.
- b) Navy sentry post and semaphore station.
- c) Small barracks at the point of oil loading.-

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I. GENERAL VIEW OF THE EAST-NORTH AND NORTH-WEST PART OF THE HARBOR.

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27 a) The port's light-house.

26 b) Buoys of the block at the entrance to the harbor.

25 1) [] lantern at the entrance to the harbor.

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24 2) A small battleship (sub chaser).

23 c) Concrete blocks.

22 3) A crane undergoing repairs on north-east mole.

21 4) A warehouse. Raw hides and tobacco leaves in bales, were observed in it.

19 5) [] ship at the moment it docks.

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i) Another crane on north-east mole.

k) Warehouses on north dock.

12, 13, 14, 16 2) 4 cranes on north dock.

11 4) Customs' sentry post.

20 v) []

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10 5) A floating crane.

9 o) 'Maggano' type dredger. A lighter is seen on its left.

8 6) Concrete blocks ready to be moved away.

6 7) New dock under construction.

5 6) Point of anchorage of fishing boats.

4 7) A building of the Naval Base. Battleships are anchored in front of it.

15, 17, 18 + 3 8) Buildings on the west breakwater.

2 9) Small submarine chasers.

1 x) Oil pipe on west breakwater.

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Observations in the Port of Burgas (Keyed to Sketch on page 3)

1. Area of the north dock of the port which included the following:
 - a. Four cranes with double railroad tracks running under them; 5-ton lifting capacity marked on each; two of the arms of the cranes are fixed on railroad tracks laid on the dock while the other two slide on another track laid along the front side of the warehouses at position g; in the empty space between the warehouses there is a beam allowing the cranes to move along the entire length of the dock.
 - b. Customs building.
 - c. Two one-storey concrete warehouses, with double sloping, brick roof; salt in bulk was stored in the warehouse on the customs side, while cereals were stored in the other.
 - d. Warehouse with triple sloping, brick roof; in front of the warehouse are two railroad tracks which branch into three railroad tracks at position g.
 - e. Five warehouses built of sun-dried brick, in front of which are double railroad tracks.
 - f. Exit of the harbor.
 - g. Building housing the DEFLOT offices.
 - h. Railroad station of the city.
 - i. Area containing a pile of concrete blocks.

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- j. Area where the above blocks were being placed to form the new dock under construction in the area; about 30-40 laborers were engaged in this job.
- k. to l. Direction followed by the new, concrete blocks which were placed to form the new dock.
- m. to n. A series of small buoys, evidently marking the water side of the new dock.
- 2. Dock containing two cranes moving on rails at position g; 10-ton lifting capacity written on each; one-storey warehouse made of sun-dried bricks, with double sloping brick roof at position g; double railroad track on the dock in front of warehouse.
- 3. South breakwater; control or guard post observed at position g, fuel pipe on the breakwater at position g.
- 4. Haggano-type dredger in operation.
- 5. Soviet made floating crane, equipped with propulsion engine, placing concrete blocks on the new dock under construction; steam operated; this crane was in Stalin previously.
- 6. Buoys of enclosures at entrance to the harbor.

Other Observations in the Port of Harbin (Not Keyed to Sketch)

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- 7. Landing boats [redacted] uncovered and unused.
- 8. No lighters loaded with materials were observed in the harbor, nor were they seen entering the port.
- 9. Three diesel locomotive engines were observed in the dock area of the port, but no steam engines were seen.
- 10. No Soviet cars were noticed in the city.

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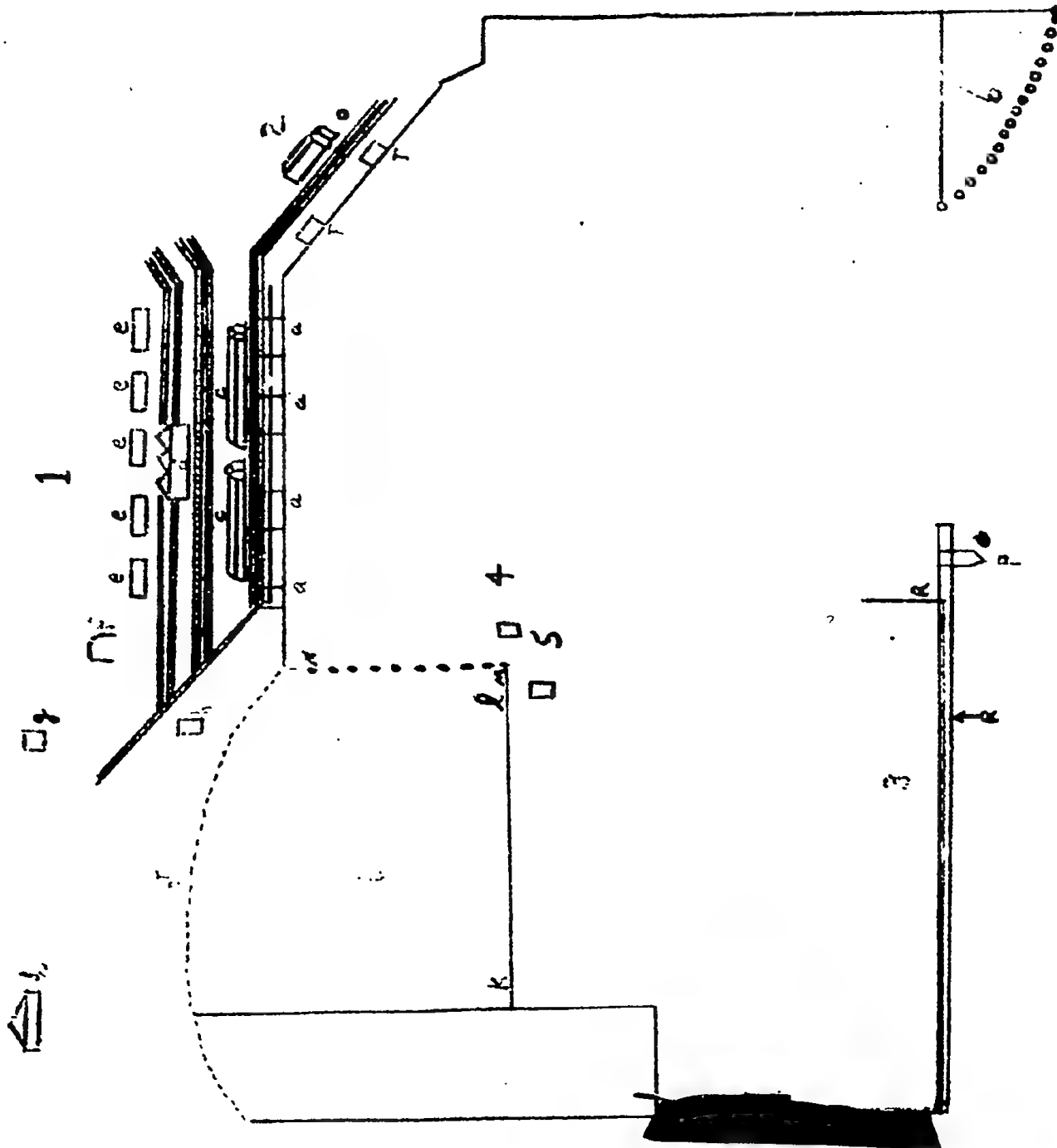
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Observations in the Port of Stalin (keyed to Sketch on pages 5 and 6)

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1. Dock α : which were four electrically operated cranes.
2. Area of the DIMITROV shipyards; barge, approximately 2,500 tons, was under construction here; launching of ships from the sliding board is done from the side for lack of space; three large cranes observed here.
3. Permanent dry dock, situated in a gap south of the canal; this can take ships of 18,000-20,000 ton capacity; has a reserve lockgate, repair shop and is equipped with two 20-ton cranes; a Soviet vessel, approximately 10,000 tons, was in the dock while another vessel was waiting its turn outside.
4. Area of oil tanks; three iron tanks of approximately 8,000-ton capacity and about 10 meters in height and 15-18 meters in diameter, surrounded by a concrete wall, built at about a meter's distance from the tanks; one tank, approximately 3,500-ton; 31 small iron, mobile tanks of 3-5 tons and 17 more of these under construction; the entire area was heavily guarded by many barbed wire fences and sentry posts mounted on poles; oil is brought to the tanks by river boats and railway from more than a 35-50 kilometer distance; some 100 railroad tank cars leave for Poland daily; no underground oil pipe connecting the northern bank of the canal; there is only an underwater cable.
5. Concrete dock, 50 meters wide, at the end of which are 38-inch pipes with a wooden cover; ships of a draught upto 28-30 feet dock at this position to load oil; docking and departing of large ships from this position is difficult, especially at night, because of the current and the small breadth of the channel which does not exceed 200 feet; the pumps used are of German make and capable of easily supplying 100-140 tons per hour.
6. Dock for smaller ships; a small Bulgarian tanker of 300-400 tons capacity, which transports refined oil and gasoline from Rumania and crude oil from Kavarna, Bulgaria, docks here from time to time.

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7. Railroad station.
8. Breakwater; from point a to point b the depth of the sea is 4-6 meters.
9. Semaphore station.
10. The eight, shallow cables, cast at 3 and 3/4 fathom depth, east of the harbor, have been removed.
11. Brewery; a large installation of brick, with a smokestack and surrounded with green vegetation.
12. Barrier at the entrance of the harbor, supported by 12 small buoys.
13. Radar, observation post, searchlights, gunnery control and weather station; near Galata lighthouse.
14. Position of searchlight.
15. Area where two gunnery controls were observed; situated on small earthen hills, camouflaged by trees.
16. Position of searchlights; the number could not be ascertained.
17. Concrete stronghold, built on hill
18. Position of three gunnery controls on small earthen hills.
19. Searchlights; number could not be ascertained.
20. Searchlight.
21. Ten telegraph poles observed on the second, inner hill on the visible Pirgos-Stalin road.
22. Long, narrow building observed near the shore and in a ravine; mentioned in maps as Eanman Alto; the surrounding area is denuded of trees and the building is camouflaged; two wireless towers observed near Chatal Tepe, at the top of which was a red light which was visible at night; an apparatus was further observed on that same top which could be an instrument for reinforcing telephone short waves or an air-weather station; half of the shore from Galata to Stalin is steep and shallow, while the other half is sandy and suitable for beaching; radar antenna observed at Evksinovgrad on the north shore of the port of Stalin.

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23. Unknown ship proceeding with a load of 120 tons of iron in bars [redacted]
[redacted]
two Bulgarian tankers of approximately 600-ton capacity; and two freighters of 5-6,000-ton capacity. These are not shown on the sketch.
24. Floating crane of 300-ton lifting capacity, made in Moscow in 1955; arm opening is more than 20 meters and pivots in a complete circle; draught when loaded is 28 feet, when unloaded, 20 feet; complete modern equipment.
25. Small, floating dry dock serving battleships; has lifeboat with pennant number 28; is a modern ship, capable of sailing the high seas and equipped with powerful windlasses and fire extinguishers. 50X1-HUM
26. Soviet destroyer, [redacted] corvette type; has large projecting roof and radar; twin towers at stem equipped with 4-inch guns; 3-inch gun at stern; searchlights and rapid-fire guns appeared on both sides of the bridge. 50X1-HUM
- Bulgarian destroyer, [redacted] similar to U.S. destroyers; two funnels, two masts, one at the stern was small, and a radar; twin tower with 4-inch guns at the stern. 50X1-HUM
- Seven submarine chasers [redacted]
[redacted] their size was approximately the same as Greek mine sweeper; iron tracks at the stern and four depth charges observed on each side; strong search light and two small rapid-fire guns on the bridge; 2.5-inch gun at the stem; rapid-fire gun and machine gun at the stern. 50X1-HUM
- Two submarines [redacted] mast was approximately 3 meters high; carrying 5-inch gun and two torpedo tubes; Soviet officers observed on the bridge of one of these. 50X1-HUM
- Seven landing boats [redacted]
[redacted] camouflaged in a way that made them look much smaller; the inner for loading tanks and vehicles was permanently covered and the roof was about 1.5 meters higher than the main deck; 3-inch gun on the roof and smaller one aft of the bridge; one gun observed on each side. 50X1-HUM
- Six mine sweepers of the size of Greek coast guard ships [redacted]
[redacted] hand-operated windlass at the stern; a float on each side and ships. 50X1-HUM
- Four other small battleships also observed [redacted]
[redacted] with a projecting roof higher than the deck, 2.5 inch gun and two machine guns, one on each side, at the stem; radio direction finder also observed. 50X1-HUM
- One 3-sail, training ship [redacted] used as a Naval school. 50X1-HUM

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Five light motor boats [REDACTED] these were used for patrols and as target ships since they also pulled small targets.

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27. [REDACTED] battle ships performed various landing exercises in the area of Mesembriya. Mine sweepers preceded the ships on maneuvers clearing the area. There was firing practice at mobile targets on the water.

Other Observations in the Port of Stalin

28. North of Stalin and on the road to Kestrich there is a Naval School which consists of three 4-storey buildings forming a double ell. The school is equipped with modern armament and has a station for adjusting compasses and radio direction finders.
29. The harbor and Naval Base are protected by searchlights placed on the tops of an isosceles triangle.
30. Foreign cargo ships are subject to very strict control and the crews and officers of these ships are constantly under surveillance.
31. There is a great shortage of trucks and passenger cars.
32. The class A uniforms of the sailors are similar to those of the Russians. The work clothes consist of a grey color uniform with a collar and grey color military cap. Navy officers wear the same insignia as the Russians.

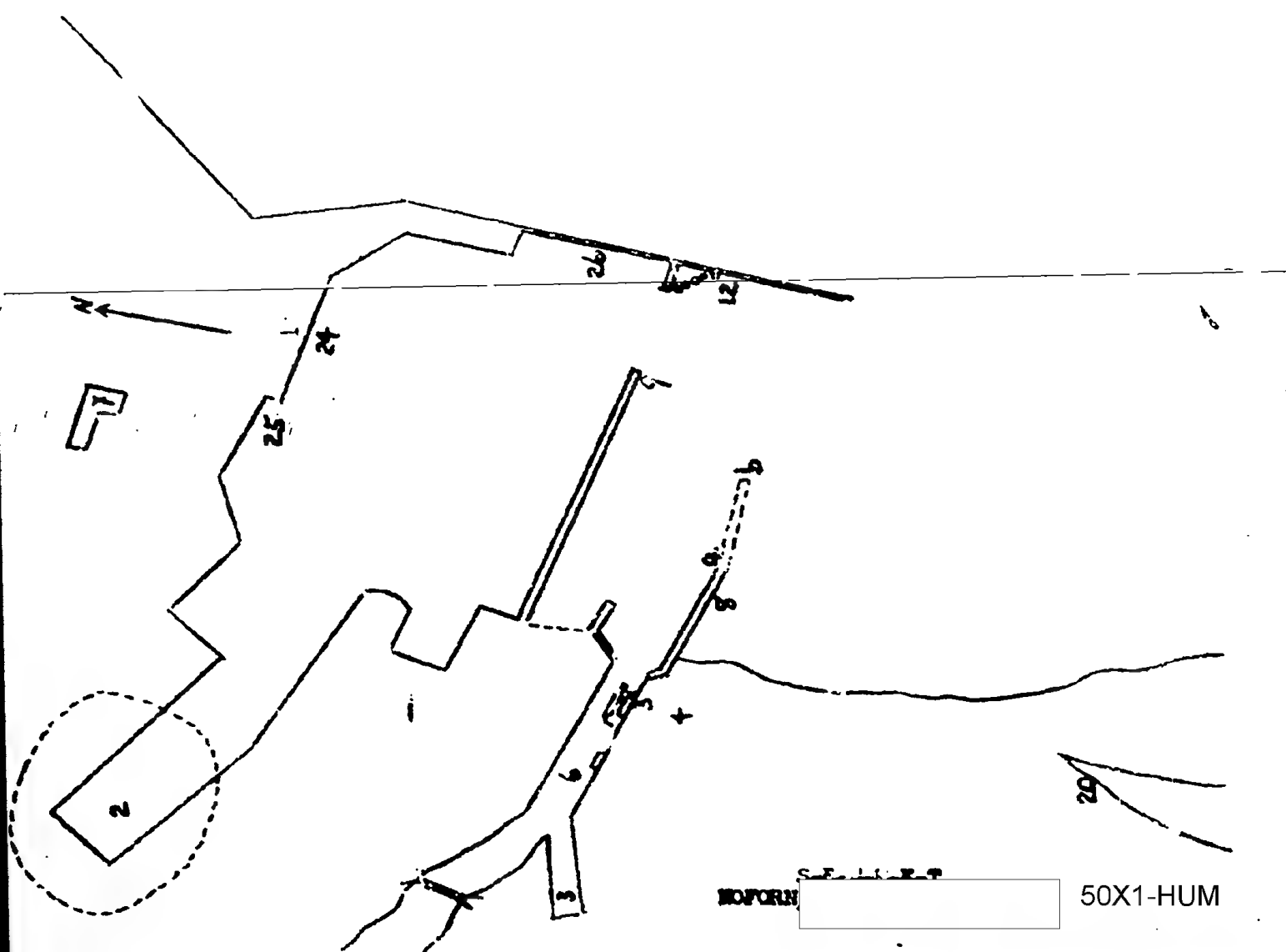
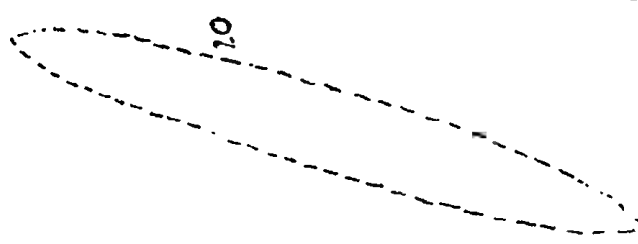
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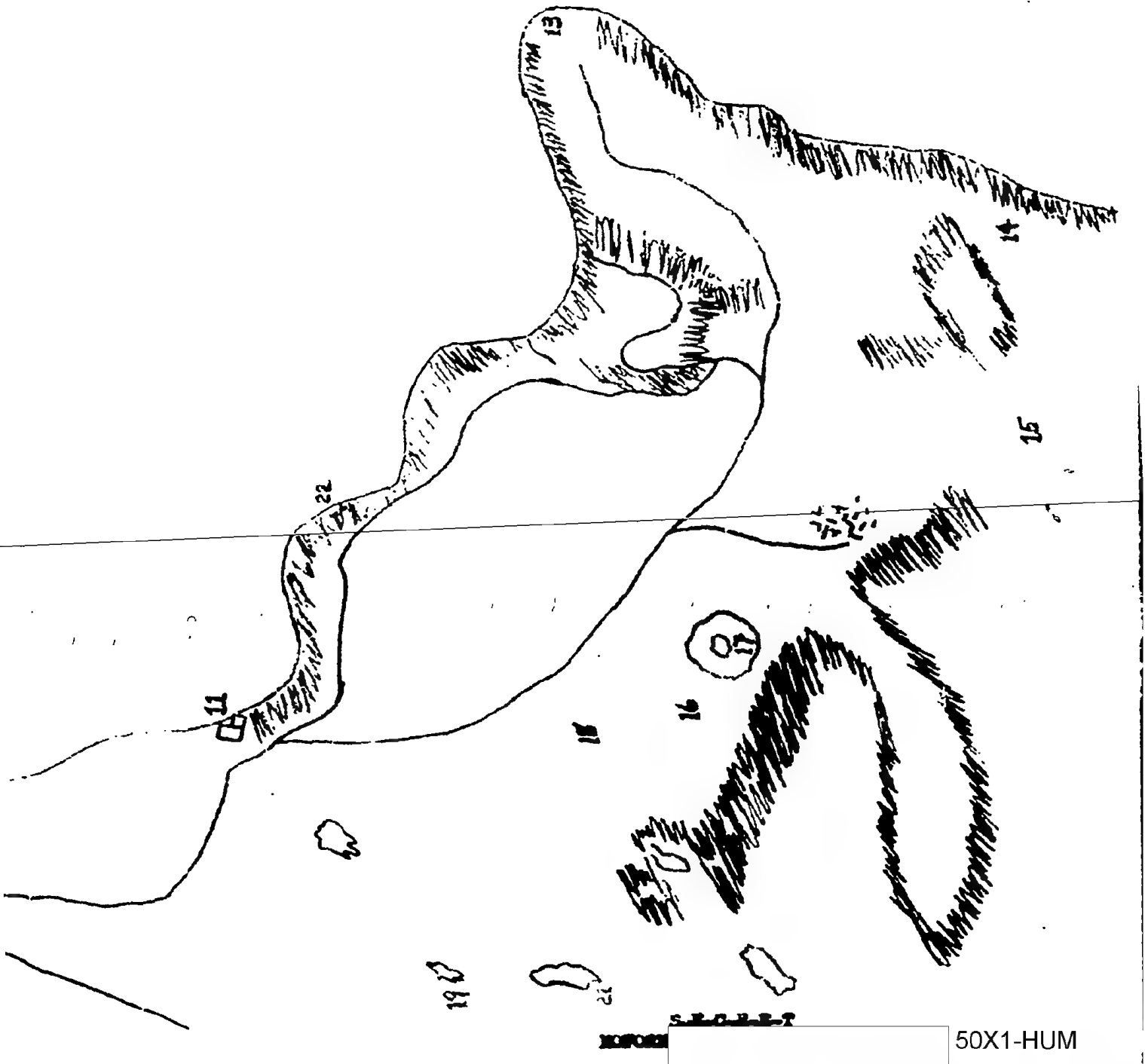


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Observations in the Home of Stalin (keyed to sketch on page 3)

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1. Fuel tanks, already completed.
2. Small, metal tank.
3. Cranes on both sides of the canal in the direction of Dvynya lake; also large dry docks, each one capable of accommodating six vessels at the same time.
4. " " " " " " " " " "
5. ~~Cranes in the Georgi Dimitrov shipyards.~~
6. Building of the Naval Base.
7. Three small tankers, approximately 300-ton capacity each.
8. Three small landing boats [redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. Mine sweeper, almost similar to BIMS or GIMS types.
10. 15 small MLs.
11. Patrol ship [redacted] with one gun on each bow, stem and stern, and two twin rapid-fire guns aft of the bridge. 50X1-HUM
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12. Two submarines [redacted] painted brown and blue respectively, estimated length from tower to stem was three times the length of the tower and from tower to stern, four times the length of the tower; covered gun at the stem of the tower, seemed to be touching the bridge.
13. MLs [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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14. Two steel barges, approximately 2,000-ton capacity each, undergoing repairs on land.
15. Sliding boards on which ships are drawn up from the sides.
16. Covered warehouses, containing fuel.
17. Soviet cargo ship, approximately 6,000-ton.
18. Unidentified.¹
19. Patrol ship [REDACTED] painted blue.
20. Old, dirt mole on which small tankers are drawn-up for repairs. 50X1-HUM
21. Floating crane of over 100-ton lifting power.
22. [REDACTED] passenger ship [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
23. Four mobile cranes on steel tracks.
24. Small tugboat.
25. [REDACTED] ship unloading ore from China. 50X1-HUM
26. Building containing the port services, harbor master's office, customs and INFLOT.
27. Railroad tracks.
28. Open space containing over 1,000 oxygen containers, painted light blue, plus ore in bulk.
29. Blockade closing the entrance to the harbor at night.
30. Wrecked ship.
31. Warehouses.

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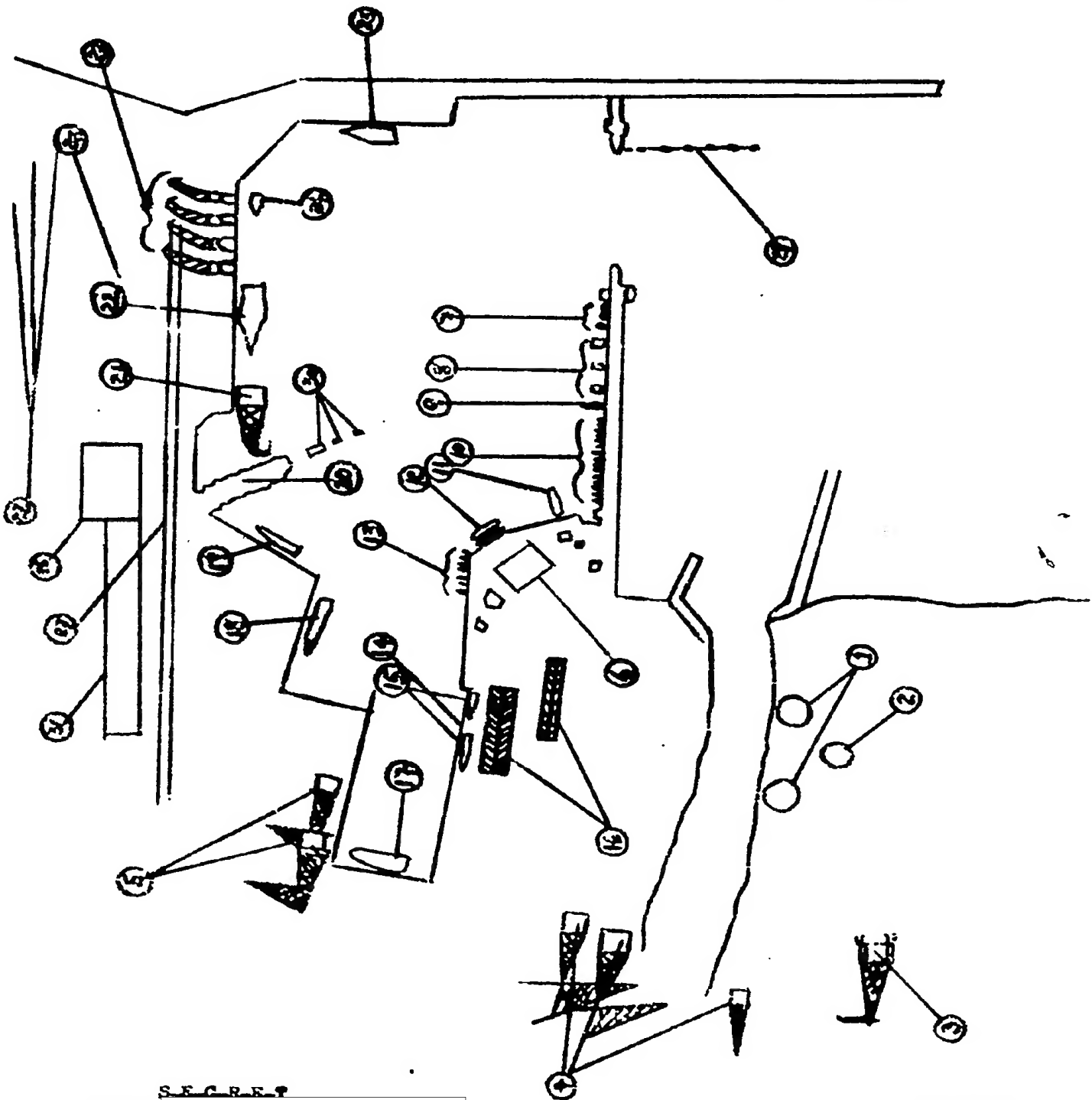
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Other Observations of Stalin (not keyed to sketch on page 3)

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32. four mine sweepers at position 4248 N, 2815 E, sailing in pairs in line for action. They were led by a vessel serving as a tugboat which was considerably larger than the mine sweepers. Their course was true azimuth 210 degrees and 15 minutes after they were first seen they changed direction 180 degrees, sailing in the same formation. 50X1-HUM
33. work preliminary to the construction of a pipe to transport oil from abroad was already begun approximately 30 kilometers north of Stalin. 50X1-HUM
34. Some 20 hotels are about to be built in suitable areas in Bulgaria to handle tourists.
35. All foreign ships during their stay in the harbor are guarded by uniformed policemen standing on the dock. The crews of these ships are placed under surveillance by plain-clothes policemen. Tourists and crews of foreign ships are forbidden the use of cameras.

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